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ESTATE OF PIERRE LOURY, )  
Deceased, by TAMBRASHA )  
HUDSON, Administrator, )  
Plaintiff, )  
VS. ) Case No. 16 C 4452  
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al., )  
Defendants. )

TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO-RECORDED INTERVIEW  
of OFFICER JEFFREY RIORDAN taken April 28, 2017.

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1                   INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: This is Investigator  
2                   Jim Lukas. That's, L-u-k-a-s. My badge number  
3                   is 117. This is the digitally recorded statement  
4                   of Officer Jeffrey Riordan, star 7712 of the 11th  
5                   District and it's regarding log number 1080064, U  
6                   number 16-05.

7                   We're at the IPRA office at 1615 West  
8                   Chicago Avenue. It's approximately 15:18 hours  
9                   on 28, April 2016. And in the room -- we're in a  
10                  conference room here. And in the room with  
11                  myself and Officer Riordan is Chief Investigator  
12                  Mark Grba.

13                  Mr. Grba, could you state your name  
14                  and spell it, please.

15                  CHIEF INVESTIGATOR GRBA: Yeah, I'm Mark.  
16                  Last name, G-r-b-a, and my star four.

17                  INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And, let's see,  
18                  Officer Riordan, what's your -- can you state  
19                  your name and spell it, please.

20                  OFFICER RIORDAN: My name is Jeffrey  
21                  Riordan. The last name is, R-i-o-r-d-a-n, star  
22                  number 7712.

23                  INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Thank you. And  
24                  representing Officer Riordan is Colleen Daly.

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1           OFFICER RIORDAN: I am not making this  
2 statement voluntarily, but under duress. And I'm  
3 only making this statement at this time because I  
4 know that I will lose my job if I refuse.

5           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And are you  
6 aware that no allegations have been made against  
7 you in this U number investigation?

8           OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

9           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Are you aware  
10 that this statement has the standing of an  
11 official police department report and that any  
12 intentional falsification of any answer to any  
13 question would be in direct violation of police  
14 department rules and regulations?

15          OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

16          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Given that I would like  
17 to remind you that failure to provide a complete  
18 and accurate statement could result in a finding  
19 of a violation of Rule 14 and disciplinary action  
20 up to and including separation. Do you  
21 understand that?

22          OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

23          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Okay. What was  
24 your duty status on 11, April 2016 at

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1 approximately say 19:43 hours?

2 OFFICER RIORDAN: I was working in the 11th  
3 District working beat 1135.

4 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you have  
5 a partner?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: I did.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: And who is that?

8 OFFICER RIORDAN: That is Officer Hitz.

9 That's, H-i-t-z.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know his  
11 star offhand? If not it's okay.

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: I'm not 100 percent sure.

13 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: That's fine. Okay.

14 And were you in uniform or in --

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: -- plain clothes?

17 OFFICER RIORDAN: Full uniform.

18 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you have  
19 any other partner other than Officer Hitz?

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: No.

21 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And what kind of  
22 a vehicle were you and Officer Hitz assigned?

23 OFFICER RIORDAN: It was a marked patrol  
24 unit. I believe it was a Ford Explorer.

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1           OFFICER RIORDAN: Most likely 23:00 hours.

2           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And  
3   on 11, April 2016 at approximately 19:43 hours  
4   was your unit westbound on Roosevelt Road  
5   approaching Homan?

6           OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

7           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And  
8   what happened after you were westbound  
9   approaching Homan?

10          OFFICER RIORDAN: We overheard radio  
11   communications regarding a call of shots fired in  
12   the 10th District. One of the locations that was  
13   given was 16th and St. Louis which we recognized  
14   to be one block west and four blocks south of our  
15   approximate location.

16          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And  
17   then what did you do in response to hearing this  
18   information -- was this -- By the way, did you  
19   hear that information over the police radio?

20          OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

21          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you hear  
22   any description given of an offender or of a  
23   vehicle or anything like that?

24          OFFICER RIORDAN: So there was a description

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1 of a black Toyota. I was aware of that  
2 description.

3 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know if  
4 that black Toyota was associated with the -- the  
5 16th Street shooting?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: I do not know that.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. But you heard a  
8 description of a black Toyota regarding what kind  
9 of an incident?

10 OFFICER RIORDAN: Regarding a shooting.

11 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: Not necessarily the same.

13 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you also  
14 hear any traffic regarding -- radio traffic  
15 regarding another shooting over farther south?

16 OFFICER RIORDAN: I do recall hearing  
17 another location for a shooting that I recognized  
18 to be further away, much further away.

19 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember  
20 where that was?

21 OFFICER RIORDAN: I -- I do not.

22 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Does 28th and  
23 Kedvale, does that ring a bell at all as a  
24 possible location of --

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1           OFFICER RIORDAN: That could be. I just  
2        recognized it as too far for us to be responding  
3        to.

4           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: I getcha. Okay. All  
5        right. And just so we know right up front, have  
6        you viewed the video from your in-car camera  
7        regarding the entire incident that you're here to  
8        be interviewed about?

9           OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

10          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And how many  
11        times did you view it roughly?

12          OFFICER RIORDAN: Once that evening.

13          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Oh, okay. You haven't  
14        seen it again since then?

15          OFFICER RIORDAN: No.

16          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: All right. Okay. All  
17        right. So you're westbound on Roosevelt and  
18        you're approaching Homan and you've already heard  
19        this information about the black Toyota and about  
20        one or two shootings?

21          OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

22          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Or two shootings I  
23        guess. Okay. Now, what happened?

24          OFFICER RIORDAN: We decide to tour the

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1 area. We make the decision to turn left or  
2 southbound onto Homan. Very shortly after  
3 turning within a few seconds we're driving and  
4 overhear a conversation. The only words that I  
5 can say for certain that I overhear are car and  
6 shooting. So obviously grabs our attention. I  
7 make a u-turn and pull up next to two vehicles  
8 with their windows down. Both cars --

9 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Excuse me one second.  
10 You heard this conversation. Where was it  
11 occurring, where was the conversation occurring?

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: In the northbound lanes of  
13 traffic.

14 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Of Homan?

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: Of Homan.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. So somebody --  
17 Could you tell if it was a person inside a  
18 vehicle or outside a vehicle saying that?

19 OFFICER RIORDAN: It sounded like it was  
20 inside a vehicle, but just overheard those words.

21 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did -- did you  
22 hear it in reference to somebody calling out to  
23 you, the police, because you were in a marked  
24 vehicle or anything like that?

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1           OFFICER RIORDAN: I would not say so. It  
2 was loud enough for us to hear, but no one was  
3 yelling for us.

4           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And you didn't  
5 hear the word police you said?

6           OFFICER RIORDAN: Absolutely not.

7           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. So  
8 now you've -- you've made your turn, left turn to  
9 go southbound on Homan. You've made another turn  
10 and now you're pulling up northbound on Homan.  
11 Are you in the -- what lane are you in at this  
12 point?

13           OFFICER RIORDAN: We are on the centerline  
14 would be my guess probably still partially in the  
15 southbound lane of travel. We are abreast with  
16 two other vehicles. Both of those vehicles  
17 indicate that another vehicle in front of them  
18 was involved in a shooting.

19           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. How did they  
20 indicate that?

21           OFFICER RIORDAN: I remember them saying,  
22 that car. At this point I turned my attention  
23 solely to the car they -- I understood them to be  
24 referencing.

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1           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

2           OFFICER RIORDAN: I heard my partner say,  
3           that car right there just did the shooting? And  
4           I overheard at least one person respond yes.

5           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you see  
6           those persons making any of these remarks about  
7           that vehicle about a shooting, could you tell if  
8           they were male or female?

9           OFFICER RIORDAN: I can recall that there  
10          were at least two males involved. I cannot  
11          describe any other persons.

12          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Could you tell  
13          if -- which car that information was coming from?  
14          You said two cars were to the side; what would  
15          that be to the east of you, the two cars?

16          OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

17          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Could you tell  
18          which car the information was coming from?

19          OFFICER RIORDAN: Both cars when I was  
20          looking indicated I believe it was the car  
21          further to the east that provided additional  
22          assurance.

23          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And you're  
24          referencing people in the car saying something?

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

2 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know what  
3 kind of car that was, the one farthest to the  
4 east?

5 OFFICER RIORDAN: My guess is a tan or gray  
6 Buick.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember  
8 how many car doors it had?

9 OFFICER RIORDAN: I can't say for certain.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And that's in  
11 the northbound lane, they're in the northbound  
12 lane?

13 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

14 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: All right. And then  
15 the other car -- that's one of the two cars  
16 you're referencing?

17 OFFICER RIORDAN: Uh-huh.

18 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. What -- what did  
19 the other car look like if you recall?

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: I believe it was a red  
21 Cadillac.

22 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Anything, four  
23 door, two door?

24 OFFICER RIORDAN: Couldn't say.

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1           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you happen  
2        to get the license plates of either of those two  
3        units?

4           OFFICER RIORDAN: No, I did not.

5           INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Now, the car  
6        that they're indicating and pointing to, what  
7        kind of car is that as far as you can tell?

8           OFFICER RIORDAN: I would say that was a  
9        black Ford Taurus.

10          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

11          OFFICER RIORDAN: Had a temporary plate.

12          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember  
13        any of the numbers off the plate?

14          OFFICER RIORDAN: It was very illegible.

15          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you mean  
16        because of distance or because of some damage  
17        actually being done to the plate?

18          OFFICER RIORDAN: Damage to the plate.

19          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right.

20        Could you tell the year of the car?

21          OFFICER RIORDAN: I would guess early  
22        2000's.

23          INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. By the way, what  
24        is the lighting like outside at this point?